

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): (a) Yes.

(b) The question was enquired into and had to be given up as it is not fair to spend public funds to repair a temple tank.

(c) Yes.

(d) During the summer months there will not be a good supply of water and the tank as it is cannot be said to be endangering the health of the inhabitants of the vicinity.

(e) The question of acquiring and improving this tank for the use of all castes or sinking a new one will be considered according to the availability of funds.

ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS FUND—AMOUNT—COLLECTION OF.

167. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Jews-Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what is the total amount so far collected for the Anti-Tuberculosis Fund in our State ;

(b) what steps they propose to take to fight Tuberculosis in Cochin State ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):—

(a) Nothing has been collected so far by the Committee appointed for the purpose.

(b) Government have not yet decided on the steps to be taken.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Is it a fact that this committee was constituted just on the eve of election?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I cannot say. Probably it was some time before the election. That is all what I can say.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim (*Cranganur*): Most probably the hon'ble members had to take some part in the elections and naturally they had no time to collect some funds.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder (*Jews-Nominated*): Is this the latest information?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Probably after this some amount might have been collected. I have no information in this matter. The Government have asked the Committee to expedite the matter and to collect as much as possible, because the matter has been pending for the last 3 months.